## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT	)
NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH	)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND	)
TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS	) CASE NO. 97-179
GROUP, INC. PURSUANT TO	)
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE	)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996	)

## ORDER

On August 21, 1997, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Teleport Communications Group, Inc. ("TCG"). On May 20, 1998, June 11, 1998, and July 20, 1998, BellSouth and TCG submitted to the Commission amendments to their interconnection agreement and those amendments were approved by the Commission on August 4, 1998. On October 5, 1998, BellSouth and TCG submitted to the Commission an amendment to their interconnection agreement. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the amendment and finds that no portion of the amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the

agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the amendment is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of December, 1998.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** 

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

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